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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS BRIEFING MADE BY SIDNEY DELL, ASSISTANT TO PREBISCH, ON STATUS OF UNEO. BEGIN QUOTE - MOST OF THIS IS IN BILATERAL AID RATHER THAN TO THE UN'S SPECIAL RELIEF FUND. IN FACT, ONLY VENEZUELA AND ICELAND HAVE ACUTALLY PUT MONEY IN THE ACCOUNT. ONE OF FIRST ACTS OF FUND IS TO USE ITS MONEY TO TRANSPORT WHEAT TO BANGLADESH. 115,000 TONS OF WHEAT HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BY COMMON MARKET. THERE WILL BE A MINISTERIAL MEETING OF POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES AT UN ON SEPT 27.

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, DELL EMPHASIZED REPEATEDLY THAT UN DOESN'T CARE WHETHER MONEY IS GIVEN BILATERALLY OR MULTI-LATERALLY, AS LONG AS IT GETS THERE. HE SAID THE ONLY PROBLEM WITH BILATERAL CONTRIBUTIONS IS THE FACT THAT SOME NATIONS --SUCH AS ARAB OIL STATES-- HAVE PUT CONDITIONS ON THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. IF INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS DO ALL THEIR CONTRIBUTING BILATERALLY, IT IS UNCLEAR HOW THIS WILL EFFECT ARAB CONTRIBUTION. DELL SAID APART FROM THIS FACT, UN DOES NOT CARE INTHE LEAST HOW AID IS GIVEN.

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ASKED ABOUT EEC CONTRIBUTION, DELL SAID EEC IS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24 AND HE HOPES THEY WILL DECIDE THEN TO MAKE SOME
OF THEIR CONDITIONAL PLEDGE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME. ASKED
HOW MUCH, HE SAID 1/3 TO 1/2 OF THE 500 MILLION.

ASKED WHAT HE HAD HEARD FROM THE UNITED STATES ABOUT ITS
ROLE IN THE EFFORT, DELL SAID "THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT
INDICATED ITS POSITION TO US" , SO HE COULD NOT SAY
ANYTHING. END QUOTE
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